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Title: OPTICAL DISC, RECORDING APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER-

READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	09-251993	17/September/1997	Yes
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